

Idolatry of Selfishness Is Theme of Dr. Jefferson at Broadway Tabernacle



Pastor of Skyscraper Church Makes Plea for Spiritual Element in Human Endeavor.

THROUGH AT SERVICE

Says There Is Lack of Spirituality in Meaning of Marriage in Many Lives.

Judging from the number of worshippers yesterday morning, the services at the Broadway Tabernacle, fifty-sixth street and Broadway, are of wide appeal. Even in this overcrowded city, it is unusual in a church to find every pew filled at an ordinary service. And there are sixteen hundred sittings in the Tabernacle.

Large attendance is not the only novelty at the Tabernacle. In fact it is not regarded in that light. But the members are glad to point out other novelties to visitors. Most striking of these is the skyscraper parish house, which is a part of the church edifice. One can step directly from the church into the rotunda of the parish house and electric elevators will carry him to the sixth floor. The place has the appearance here of a downtown office building. There are a dozen rooms assigned to the executive officers of the church and the secretaries of the different societies.

On the floor below is a library of 20,000 volumes, and the large reception room and lounge for the young men. The fourth floor is given over to the women. There is a large parlor and writing room. Back of this is a spacious kitchen and pantry where members of the Girls' Club prepare their own dinners and lunches on meeting nights.

Two Floors for Men's Club. The Men's Club occupies the second and third floors. Here there is a large room

for meetings and dinners, with a spacious gallery, which can be divided off into smaller rooms by sliding doors. Here the various branches of the Sunday school meet, and once a month dinner is served to the two hundred and fifty members of the Men's Club from their own kitchen. There is a chapel on the ground floor of the parish house for week day prayer meetings, and above the sixth floor are the living quarters of the sexton. The ground and edifice represent an outlay of \$1,000,000. Founded in 1840, the Broadway Tabernacle is the oldest Congregational church in Manhattan. Located in Worth street, the old circular auditorium was the scene of many historic gatherings. After the war the growth of business drove the congregation from the financial district to Broadway and Thirty-fourth street. In another generation Herald Square had begun to be the new retail business center, and the congregation dispersed of its property, where the Marbridge Building now stands, for \$1,000,000. Of this sum \$1,000,000 went into the first skyscraper church in the world.

The membership, which is nearly one thousand, is composed largely of New England families, and the church attracts many of the students of art and music who are drawn to the neighborhood of the Atlantic. No moral force but that supplied by religion was strong enough to uplift the classes and the masses, and a right sense of justice, too, was needed, he said.

The services are made attractive by a choir of thirty voices, with Miss Margaret

Keyes and Mrs. Lorene Rogers-Wells, both noted concert singers, as soloists. At yesterday's services the pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, took for the text of his sermon "What is the high place whereunto ye go?"—Ezekiel, xx, 29. He told how the prophet had uttered this warning to the Israelites, who in their wanderings in search of the promised land had yielded to the corrupting customs of the countries through which they passed and had fallen into idolatry. The same situation, he declared, is being reproduced in every generation. Manhood is always seeking a promised land, ever wandering in search of dreams and ideals. And like the Israelites they fall into the idolatry of self-seeking.

"The hours of prayer and public worship should be the high places in our lives," he said. "But do we make them such, or are our prayers and church attendance perfunctory?" Wealth, knowledge, position, personality were other avenues men sought to fill their lives with high places. "Was the motive of our struggle selfish satisfaction?" he asked, "or the noble desire to serve God and our fellow man?"

Marriage and retirement from business were high places in our lives. The record of the divorce courts showed a lamentable lack of spirituality in the meaning of the high place of marriage in many lives. Retirement from business might mean abandonment of self to selfish enjoyment and not a preparation for the great event of death.

CLERGY ASSISTING LAUNDRY STRIKERS

Appeal of Union Finds Response in the Pulpits of Many Churches Throughout the City.

The laundry strike, following an appeal to the clergy by the Woman's Trade Union League, was alluded to in many New York pulpits yesterday, and sympathy for the strikers and their needs expressed.

In St. Michael's Episcopal Church, at Ninety-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue, the Rev. John P. Peters, in the pulpit to his sermon said:

"I believe that the clergy have a duty to perform in this laundry strike, and all should do their utmost to aid in not only bringing about a settlement of the dispute between the laundry workers and their employers, but to see to it that the rights of the workers themselves are respected."

The appeal read by Mr. Peters set forth that the striking laundry workers, two-thirds of them women and girls, had looked in vain to the clergy for some expression of approval of their cause. The circular continued:

"Thirty thousand men and women are employed in this industry in New York under most shocking conditions, no other trade or occupation in the world enrolling it. The hours of labor are from half past six and seven o'clock in the morning to eleven o'clock at night, and in hundreds of instances women are compelled to work until half-past one o'clock in the morning and return to work at seven o'clock or be charged. The rate of wages is the lowest, and compared with the number of hours employed, worse conditions do not exist in European countries. 'Recognizing that the clergy is a factor in shaping the destiny and future of at least a portion of the people, the laundry workers on strike ask the clergy to state a reason for their indifference. If they are hostile let them come out in the open; if their sympathies are with the strikers let the public know from the pulpit their attitude and say why they have maintained silence while thousands are involved in a heroic struggle to set men and women free and to give this large army of workers an opportunity to live as respectable people should live and enjoy life.'"

The Interdenominational Committee of Clergymen for the Promotion of Arbitration, which has been engaged since the strike began in efforts to arbitrate the laundry dispute, will make another effort this week to settle the trouble.

He Had a Chance. Life: "So you think the author of this play will live, do you?" remarked the tourist. "Yes," replied the manager of the Frozen Dog Opera House. "He's got a five mile start, and don't think the boys can catch him."

\$20,000 PURSE FOR CARDINAL FARLEY

Mr. J. Mulqueen Has Fund to Reimburse Prelate for Personal Expenses.

AGREE ON RECEPTION

Programme as Announced for Tomorrow Will Be Carried Out Upon Churchman's Arrival Wednesday.

Michael J. Mulqueen, president of the Finance Committee of the Cardinal's Committee, has \$20,000, of which \$10,000 will be presented to Cardinal Farley when he arrives Wednesday. This offering is intended to reimburse him for his recent heavy personal expenses. The remaining \$10,000 will go toward the general expenses of the home coming celebration. Mr. Mulqueen is confident that he soon will get the other \$10,000 necessary for the expenses of the big welcome to the great churchman.

Mr. Patrick J. Hayes, chancellor of the diocese, received word last night from the North German Lloyd line that Captain Harasowicz, of the Berlin, had sent a wireless message saying the vessel would reach here Wednesday morning by ten or eleven o'clock.

At a reception in the Catholic Club Saturday night, at which 170 new members were received, this being the record number in any six months, Mr. Mulqueen congratulated on his success with the finances. The president of the club urged all members to assemble at the Public Library, Fifth avenue and Forty-second street, at 8 o'clock, to meet the Cardinal.

At the final meeting of the Cardinal's Committee last night it was decided that the programme as arranged for tomorrow, when the Rev. Cardinal Farley is expected to arrive, will be carried out Wednesday. The Cardinal's carriage will be followed up Fifth avenue by 150 decorated automobiles. Reports of the delay of the vessel were refuted by a wireless message received by Mr. Joseph P. Mooney, senior vicar general of the diocese. The message was sent by Mr. James V. Lewis, private secretary to Cardinal Farley, and was as follows:

"Do not expect us until Wednesday. Delayed by head winds."

Mr. Mooney, who is chairman of the Committee of the Clergy, is all probability will not be able to be on hand to welcome Cardinal Farley Wednesday, Mr. Mooney is ill with rheumatism. He was to have ridden in the carriage with Cardinal Farley.

William Laurel Harris, artist of the Paulist community, is working day and night on the coat of arms to be the background of the throne of Cardinal Farley. The design is a shield, the top of which is on view at the twenty-seventh annual exhibition of the Architectural League, which opens January 28 at the Fine Arts Building, No. 215 West Fifty-seventh street. The shield is nine feet six inches long and four feet six inches wide.

When Cardinal Farley gets home he will find countless letters of congratulation from archbishops and bishops of the Old World in what is known as the foreign mission lands. Already Archbishop Durruti has been named "The Cardinal of the Missions." This is because the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of this diocese last year sent to foreign missions more than \$100,000. The amount was \$100,727.32. This year's report will show a gain of \$10,000 over last year's. These Old World prelates sent their congratulations to Cardinal Farley through the Rev. John J. Dunn, director for this diocese of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

One of the first letters of congratulation to arrive was from Bishop Aloysius Benigni, of Quilon, India. He visited this country two years ago and was entertained by Cardinal Farley, then Archbishop.

Some others who sent congratulations are Archbishop Aloysius Vismara, of Hyderabad, India; Archbishop Arthur Buisson, of Colombia, South America; Bishops E. M. Henry, of Mandalay, Burma; J. Aelen, of Madras, India; Gerard Mutel, of Seoul, Korea; Henry Dalalle, of Natch, Africa; Emilio Alfreyer, of Sanaa, Arabia; Berthoz, of Hakodate, Japan; J. M. Barthe, a Jesuit, of Trichinopoly, India; Libero Boenmann, of Hawaii, the "bishop of the islets"; Jules Chastan, of Osaka, Japan; Fabien Antoine, of Calcutta, India; H. M. Better, of Kumbakonam, India; Francis Xavier Geyer, of Kharanchur, Central Africa; N. Chole, of Manchuria; John Merri, of Canton, China; James Hummel, of Cebu, Philippines; Amil Harrison, Malacca, Indo-China; Emil Bertrux, of the Solomon Islands; Fabian Landi, of West Hubei, China; Henri Jour, of Jaffra, Ceylon, and Aloysius Perez, of North Humber, India.

More than \$3,000 was realized last night at the auction sale of boxes for the meeting arranged for next Sunday night in the Hippodrome, to honor Cardinal Farley. High bids were made by Herman B. Davis, Major John E. O'Rourke, Justice Victor J. Dowling, Thomas M. Mulry, Henry Heide, Dr. Francis J. Quinn and Edward J. McGuire. The sale was held in the Cathedral College Building.

THREE BRAVE ICY WATERS TO SAVE LIFE

City Bridge Tenders Leap Into Newtown Creek and Rescue Man Who Slipped from Path.

Walters Say That Persons Who Avoid Liquors and Tobacco Are "Fussy" About Their Food.

"A great 'temperance' apostle shortened his life by eating too much," said Sir John Barr at a National Temperance League meeting at Liverpool. One of the most popular water at the Trocadero Restaurant, says the Licensed Trades Journal, has gone very much further. "The gentleman who will eat wine or beer with his food," he said to a newspaper man, "is almost invariably the waiter's most difficult customer. Not only does he eat every dish down to the last shred, but he will also find all manner of quarrels with the smallest details."

Smith could not swim and was foundering and freezing when the first of the bridge tenders leaped into the water. The others soon saw that both men might perish through Smith's struggles and the cold unaided. When Smith had been taken ashore after great difficulty he was senseless. His rescuers rolled and thumped him to keep him alive. When a physician arrived from St. John's Hospital he found the three volunteer life savers encased in frozen garments. Smith was taken to the hospital.

Wealthy Firemen in Frock Coats Fight in Vain to Save Bayside Church



Volunteers Arrive in Automobiles and Three Are Hurt as \$25,000 Methodist Edifice Burns.

In spite of the valiant efforts of wealthy volunteer firemen, the Bayside Methodist Episcopal Church, at Palace boulevard and West street, Bayside, L. I., attended by prominent residents of that section, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The edifice cost \$25,000. An organ costing \$2,000, for which Andrew Carnegie helped to pay, and a piano were destroyed.

The Volunteer Fire Department is composed almost entirely of professional and business men. Almost all went to the fire in automobiles, and not a few had on the frock coats worn to services. Though some of these men laughed and joked with one another as they fought the blaze, which communicated to some of the adjacent houses, it was declared loudly by the crowd that encircled the burning edifice that the volunteers did splendid work.

It was cold at Bayside, even in the immediate vicinity of the fire. Most of the volunteer firemen are more accustomed to handling a pen than a nozzle, and before long they were covered with a coating of ice. A few who donned their fur automobile coats before starting out looked like pictures of beavers for the North Pole. As the congregation was leaving after the morning service there was a rumbling sound like a muffled explosion. The Rev. Arthur C. Flandreau, the pastor; John Dayton and the sexton, William Yoh went to the cellar and made an investigation. They found that there was something the matter with the furnace, but just what they couldn't tell. They decided to pull the fire, believing that would preclude the possibility of trouble.

The fire alarm was sounded an hour later. The fire was ablaze then. Although there was little wind, the flames gained headway rapidly and in a short time the entire edifice was in flames.

Several of the volunteer firemen responded quickly. Those that didn't get there right away were sent for and were brought to the fire in automobiles. Efforts of the Bayside firemen soon were found to be unavailing and Davenport and Bushing fire departments were appealed to for aid. In spite of their efforts, added to those of the Bayside firemen, several nearby houses caught fire. These were the homes of Richard Holman, George Bound and Professor F. K. Montford, in West street, and that of Charles M. Allaire, in Lawrence boulevard. A second hand engine the Bayside department had to fight the fire, which wouldn't hold coal enough and coal was difficult to get. The volunteers labored with a will, however, and brought coal from all directions in baskets.

Some of the volunteers who helped fight the fire were James A. Dayton, who recently ran for District Attorney of Queens; Elmer Story, Brinton Bell and W. G. Gregorius. A few received minor injuries. Vincent Newman stepped on a rusty nail, Albert Nangle got a slight scalp wound and James Sawyer also was injured slightly.

The congregation had planned to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the church in April. At that time it was proposed to burn the mortgage on the property. The congregation worshipped last night in the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association. For future services, however, the offer of the Rev. C. A. Brown, of the Episcopal Church of Bayside, to meet there was accepted.

Through the medium of the Herald wireless station the news of the distress of the schooner Thelma was sent to the revenue cutter Mohawk yesterday afternoon and aid is being rushed to the vessel from several sources. The Thelma is a three-masted vessel of 48 tons. It was reported to the Herald from Boston that she was drifting and covered with ice. The report came from her owners, the Rogers & Wedd Company.

The schooner was bound from Fall River to Norfolk and her present position is a dangerous one. The revenue cutter Achmet has gone to her assistance. If the Achmet is not able to give aid the Mohawk will depart from New York early this morning.

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WRECKS PILING UP ON ATLANTIC COAST

Revenue Cutters Do Valiant Rescue Work in Worst Winter in Years.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday.—The storm swept Atlantic coast is piling up a record of wrecks and suffering that promises to eclipse the havoc of all previous rigorous winters on the eastern seaboard. In the last fortnight—and the end is not yet in sight—revenue cutters have been called into greater activity than ever before in their history. They have extended aid to thirty-seven tempest tossed vessels and their helpless and frost bitten crews. The aggregate value of the salvaged ships runs into millions, and it is estimated that three hundred lives were saved by the revenue cutters and the life saving service.

The cordon of revenue cutters, stretching from Maine to Florida, is now performing its yearly service to commerce. From November to May these little vessels patrol the Atlantic coast with the single purpose of assisting disabled craft. Hourly Captain Benhoff, commandant of the service, is receiving wireless appeals for help, and the U. S. S. has played its important part in the rescue work.

Hard Working Widow Cannot Earn Enough to Keep Home for Her Children.

One of the small army of working-women to whom the theatre means only a bleak, empty place to be cleaned and made ready for the evening's host of pleasure seekers is a widow with three little children dependent on her. This work, which pays her \$3 a week, is all that her strength will allow her to do. Her children are at home, and a little girl, nine years old, is devoted to her two younger brothers, eight and four.

Relatives are unable to assist further and provide part of the children's clothing. In spite of the strictest economy the mother finds it impossible to save enough to meet the rent of \$10 a month. The Charity Organization Society asks for \$10 to pay this during the coming twelve months. Gifts may be sent to the office of the society, No. 105 East Twenty-second street, and will be acknowledged.

The Charity Organization Society yesterday acknowledged, with thanks, the following contributions received in response to previous appeals in the Herald: A Sympathizer, 20 cents; Cash, \$2; Cash, \$1; A Self Supporting Woman, \$1; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Q., \$2; A. E. L., \$1; C. T. Mrs. Arnold Falk, \$5; Mrs. Adolph L. Mann, \$15; Mrs. Sophie S. Warendorf, \$1; A Friend, \$10.

ICE ON STEAMSHIP TWO FEET THICK

The Corinthian Is Disabled and She Puts into Halifax After Delay of Two Days.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] HALIFAX, N. S., Sunday.—With her forward deck and rail covered with ice two feet thick, the Allan line steamship Corinthian, from Glasgow for Philadelphia via St. Johns, Newfoundland, put in here this morning. She was four days on the run from St. Johns, which should have been made in forty-two hours. The Corinthian left St. Johns in a big sea and there was no let-up till Halifax was reached. Off Cape Pine her steam steering gear broke down and for three hours, while it was being repaired, the vessel was steered by hand, comparatively little difficulty being experienced in this. The wind was from the west at first and then from the north, always with heavy seas and the mercury at zero a great deal of the time. The sea washing over the ship froze and when the steamer arrived this morning the ventilators, rails and forward deck and front of the bridge were coated with two feet of solid ice.

DISCIPLES UNITE IN ONE LARGE CHURCH

Lenox Avenue and First Congregations Join with the Central for More Effective Work.

The first service of the newly organized Central Church of Disciples of Christ was held yesterday morning in the church building at No. 142 West Eighty-first street. More than four hundred members of the new church, many of whom were members of the First Church and the Lenox Avenue Disciples Church, were present. They have been consolidated with the Central Church. In his address the Rev. James Millard Philpott, acting pastor, told of plans to establish in this city a large church as headquarters of the Central Church of Disciples of Christ. He said:

"For some years it has been the dream of leaders of our Church in New York to build in this city a large, representative church, one worthy of the metropolis and of the great people whom we represent. In spite of the fact that New York is at one end of the country all interests seem to center here. This is true not only of commercial but of religious interests. Although the strength of our church is largely in the Middle West and South, yet now many of our important board meetings are held here. Far seeing men have been saying we ought to have some kind of headquarters in this city. To this end we are working, and we must all co-operate and work hard. Already plans are being made. One great strong church is worth in the Kingdom of God a great many little weak, struggling churches."

"I have here a letter from a minister in the West who says that they have not only a few large churches strong enough to make some impression in the community. So by our consolidation of the three Disciple churches in New York we are laying the foundation to the establishment that will in time become known throughout the world."

Hundreds of blank cards were signed by the congregation signifying their intention to support the new church project.

Following his consolidation address the Rev. Mr. Philpott delivered a sermon on "The Value of an Ideal." He contended that "dreamers have made the world."

BUT FATHER VAUGHAN, IN SERMON, SAYS IT IS NOT REMEDY FOR INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS.

Father Bernard Vaughan preached at St. Ignace Loyola Church, Park avenue and Eighty-fourth street, yesterday morning on "Christian Method." Hundreds of peo-

sons were unable to gain admission to the church because of the crowd.

Father Vaughan said socialists have done a good turn in directing the attention of law makers, capitalists and industrialists, but declared he thought no such remedy as socialism was going to solve the social and industrial problems standing out so prominently on both sides of the Atlantic. No moral force but that supplied by religion was strong enough to uplift the classes and the masses, and a right sense of justice, too, was needed, he said.

MR. TAFT SENDS REGRETS.

Archdeacon Cody, of Toronto, Preaches in Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Archdeacon James Cody, of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, Canada, preached yesterday morning in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, discussing modern problems from the text, "Whose image and superscription hath this coin?" He said:

"What is the great problem of this age, and of all ages that flatter themselves by thinking they have problems peculiar to their time? It is not the transportation problem, or the industrial crisis, or the intellectual struggle. It is the secret of all others, the problem of sin."

The Rockefeller Class Dinner. Announcement was made in the Rockefeller Bible Class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church yesterday morning that the fifteenth annual dinner of the class would be held this year on Monday evening, February 5, at the Cafe Boulevard, No. 156 Second avenue. The speakers will be William J. Burns, the detective; W. H. P. Faunce, president of Brown University, and George W. Perkins. This array of speakers is regarded as the best the class ever had, and it is expected that Mr. Burns' address will be unusually interesting.

Philadelphia Times—"The husband of a woman, whose covens are at once the admiration and the despair of her acquaintances, was discussing the cost of living. 'By the way,' ventured the friend, 'I—er—don't you have a good deal of trouble keeping your wife dressed in the height of style?' The woman's husband sighed and then shook his head emphatically. 'Oh, no,' he said, 'nothing to speak of; nothing—noting to the trouble I'd have if I didn't.'"

Qualified. Baltimore American—"Some detectives ought to make good sailors." Because they're so often at sea.